GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:84
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2005
AUTONOMY TO CBI
Singh Shri Rajiv Ranjan (Lalan);Suman Shri Ramji Lal

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under the consideration of the Government for modernisation and technical upgradation of CBI as an investigating agency and also for giving more autonomy to it and making it accountable to the Parliament directly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government proposes to consider it;

(d) whether judiciary has commented on the standard of functioning of CBI during the previous years; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTRY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 84 FOR 9.3.2005 REGARDING AUTONOMY OF CBI

(a) to (c): The Central Government has been funding the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for modernization and technical upgradation.

The CBI already has full functional autonomy under the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946 as amended by the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003 and has the requisite authority under the law for investigation and prosecution purposes.

The Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003 enjoins the Commission to include in its annual report a separate part on the functioning of the CBI. This report is laid before each House of the Parliament. The CBI is accountable to Parliament as its budget is discussed by the Department-Related Parliament Standing Committee and voted by the Parliament.

(d) to (e): Honourable Courts make various comments from time to time, of which Government takes due cognizance.